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Preliminary Amendment prior to Claims Fee Calculation

Sir:

With a view to placing the English translation of their instant International Application into a condition believed to comply with formal aspects of American patent prosecution and to avoiding excess claims fees otherwise due, Applicants courteously request entry of the following preliminary amendment:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 6: insert –BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.

1. Field of the Invention.-:

line 12: insert -2. The Prior Art.-;

Page 3, line 4: insert: -OBJECT OF THE INVENTION.-;

line 9: insert -SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.-;

Page 5, line 18: insert - DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL DRAWINGS .-:

lines 19-20: cancel and substitute therefor --The novel features which are considered to be characteristic of the invention are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. The invention itself, however, in respect of its structure, construction and lay-out as well as manufacturing techniques, together with other objects and advantages thereof, will be best understood